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TO : LORD

FROM:

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS PICKED UP FROM OUR CUSTOMER AT 2015 HOURS
1 MAY 1973.

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HAVING READ THE COMPLETE RECORD OF THE CONVERSATION
BETWEEN DR. KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR HUANG HUA ON APRIL 16,
THE CHINESE SIDE IS AWARE THAT THE U.S. SIDE HAS NO INTEREST
WHATSOEVER IN HAVING AMERICAN NEWSMEN TO COME TO PEKING TO
REPORT ON THE OPENING OF THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE AND
AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S ARRIVAL AND THAT THE U.S. SIDE CONSIDERS
IT NOT THE BEST TIME TO DO IT. IN FACT THE CHINESE SIDE
HAD TAKEN AN INDIFFERENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS MATTER.
HAVING RECONSIDERED THE MATTER, THE CHINESE SIDE HAS NOW
DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS
FOR A VISIT TO CHINA FOR THAT PURPOSE. HOWEVER, THE CHINESE
SIDE WISHES TO INFORM THE U.S. SIDE THAT AS KEYS BEECH,
A FOREIGN AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT OF THE "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS",
HAD ASKED TO VISIT CHINA FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK,
THE CHINESE SIDE WILL STILL ALLOW HIM TO COME TO INTERVIEW
THE PRINCE.
END OF MESSAGE.

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State Dept. review completed

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